

## **TLDR:**

**Circu1ation will be banned from MMC and its events until 2023.**

**Learn more at:**

[Tetris Misconduct Helpline](#)

[Moose's Statement](#)

## **Rough timeline and context:**

Circu1ation was initially banned from PK tournament Sakura Blend based on a preemptive recommendation by Tetris Misconduct Helpline (TMH). Puzzle Kingdom's reasoning was that his behavior was a risk to underage participants and community members. Circu1ation responded by starting a stream to raise awareness, defend himself and reveal the identity of the other party involved. Puzzle Kingdom proceeded to upgrade Circu1ation's temporary suspension to an indefinite ban.

## **A little bit of backstory from bennxt (hi that's me speaking):**

Nearly two weeks prior to the stream, I caught wind of Circu1ation's Sakura Blend ban. I DMed Moose and he explained that there was an investigation. He then asked me whether I wanted to ban Circu1ation from TETR.IO Journey, to which I replied that I would need to see supporting evidence prior to making my decision. He sent a DM to TMH member Renge asking for evidence.

While Renge and I chatted intermittently, I did not receive anything until the day before Tetralympic, when Renge presented me with a 3 sentence abstract of the investigation, which heavily disfavored Circu1ation. I asked again if I could have evidence and was rejected, but from our conversation, I presumed that TMH's verdict would not be in Circu1ation's favor.

Although clearly I would not be able to obtain substantial evidence before Tetralympic, I made the choice to support Renge's judgment and Moose's ideals, banning Circu1ation from both of MMC's upcoming events. Up to this point I was still absolutely impartial.

The infamous stream began after I informed Circu about his suspension. Not wanting to shirk my responsibilities, I told him it was completely my decision and not to press. As many of you may know, he did not comply.

## **MMC's Verdict**

Circu1ation will be banned from MMC and its events until January 1st, 2023. Disregarding the findings of the initial investigation, we cannot accept the malicious intent with which he revealed the identity of the other party.

While we were initially in agreement with Puzzle Kingdom's indefinite ban, there were several other factors we had in mind. Nobody knew when TMH would finish their investigation, and in turn, when Circu1ation would potentially be able to play again. Circu1ation understood this as well, and decided he had to defend himself publicly. In light of these circumstances, we have decided to adjust his ban to last until the end of 2022.

For partnered events, we will respect our partners' restrictions on player participation.

## Moving Onward

TMH have admitted that their communication with MMC and other communities regarding the status of Circu1ation's investigation was very inadequate, and their lack of timely updates and information essentially forced the temporary ban on Circu1ation. This in turn forced Circu1ation to make a move. If TMH had finished the report in a timely manner, it is unlikely that the stream would have occurred, and the entire case would have remained private.

Despite TMH's delays, lack of communication and other inadequacies with regards to the investigation, we would like to emphasize that we do not hold TMH entirely at fault for their mistakes. As a team of only three volunteers, they are severely understaffed, overworked and doing a job that most of us would love to avoid. MMC expresses complete respect for their work.

Regardless, TMH must be held accountable for their decisions and take responsibility for their influence. We believe their quick response to [amend the document regarding MMC](#) was a great step in the right direction. We hope that both TMH and we can learn from the mistakes made, and continue to keep the community safe together. Thank you TMH.

Throughout the remaining months of 2022, we anticipate that Circu1ation can reflect on his actions and improve as an individual. He has long been a respected member of the community, and ultimately his decision to cause this drama has hurt everyone and helped no one. We hope to see him return one day as a more mature and conscientious person.

Thank you all for your understanding and your trust as we work towards making MMC a safer place to grow, both as Tetris players and as people.